City of San Diego MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS TASK FORCE

MEETING SUMMARY FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2002 @ 12 NOON

EXECUTIVE COMPLEX - 5TH FLOOR 1010 SECOND AVENUE

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Attendees:

The following Task Force members were in attendance: Juliana Humphrey, St. Clair Adams, Conley Major, Jerry Meier, Dr. Al Best, Dr. Daniel Pearce, Larry Chaidez, Michael Bartelmo, Steve McWilliams and Mike Barbee. Staff: Ed Plank, Alison Glennon, Elmer Heap, Lisa Foster, Staa Heshimu, Sgt. David Rohowits.

Summary from May 17, 2002, approved with one change, in the paragraph regarding the Medical Research Sub-Committee, change Barbee to Bartelmo.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative Sub-Committee

Juliana filled in for Dale. The RFP is out, definition of caregiver relates to the legal opinion which Juliana did. By the next meeting, July 19, would like to adopt the definition of caregiver. On July 18, the Legislative and Law Enforcement Sub-Committees, will meet to discuss this issue. The City Attorney and Police Department representatives will be there. The Pre-Bid Meeting for prospective bidders will be held on July 2. The grow guidelines must be finalized before the PS&NS meeting which will be held on August 7. Deadline to submit final materials is Friday, July 26.

Media Relations/Outreach Sub-Committee

Task Force needs to submit medical information, amounts, people to interview, how much to use, cultivation etc, everything must be discussed and answered before Aug 7 PS&NS. The video has been postponed for now, a powerpoint presentation may be in the works to be utilized at the August 7 PS&NS Committee Meeting and upcoming Council Meeting, scheduled for the Fall.

Patient/Doctor Sub-Committee

A meeting has been set up with the Medical Society to publish in their newsletter the results of the Patient/Doctor Survey Report. Also, a wrap-up meeting, of the Patient/Doctor Survey Report will be scheduled soon. Doctors still being leery about prescribing or recommending because of the Federal Government's position was mentioned.

Medical Research Sub-Committee

A tentative date has been set for the tour at UCSD on Monday, July 22. All questions and a list of tour guest names must be submitted in writing before hand. Staff from the offices of Councilmembers Atkins and Inzunza will be invited to participate. Please e-mail Michael Bartelmo if you plan on attending. A suggestion was made to ask Dr. Mattison about dosage amounts and to provide that information in writing to the Task Force. The issue at hand is to clarify dosage and amounts to the PS&NS Committee and City Council.

Law Enforcement Sub-Committee

Vesprini case was discussed, the focus at hand is to have the Legislative and Law Enforcement Sub-Committees work together to define the grow guidelines. A meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18, from 1:00 to 3:00 in Conference Room 12B. The Police and City Attorney's Office have been invited to participate. The internal police guidelines that the Law Enforcement Sub-Committee has been working on will not be going to PS&NS on August 7, just the grow guidelines which will be discussed on July 18.

Patient Advocacy Sub-Committee

The Attorney, Jack Hamlin, will be helping the Task Force out with dosage amounts and will be getting back to the Task Force.

Public Comment

Public comment by a speaker addressed the need to be consistent with the term of "Medical" or "Medicinal" Marijuana in referring to the Task Force and stay away from the term of "smoke" and to educate the public on other delivery methods. Also, the name of the Task Force should have been "Prop 215" to alleviate all of the different name changes which have evolved since the Task Force began one year ago.

Another speaker stated that the Task Force is not balanced appropriately. Inquired about the make-up and how individuals were appointed. Dosage amount was mentioned as being a waste of time, amounts are always skewed, don't fixate on dosage.